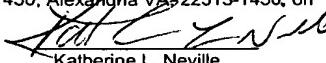




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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to an outstanding Office Action (hereinafter, the "Action"), mailed June 29, 2004, in the above-mentioned application. In the Action, the examiner maintains the rejection of claims 11, 12 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for asserted lack of enablement. Claim 14 is further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for asserted indefiniteness. The Examiner also rejected claims 11, 12 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as allegedly being anticipated by Gallatin *et al.*, US Patent No. 5,437,958 (hereinafter "Gallatin").

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification are found on page 4 of this paper

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.